

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

## RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

OF THE

## TOWN OF MENDON,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 3, 1862.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT.

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THE undersigned, Treasurer of the Town of Mendon, in the discharge of his duty, respectfully submits the following Report of his doings, for the municipal year 1861-2, viz:

*He debits himself with the following items, viz:*

To Cash, being balance of account at last settlement,	\$227 91
Notes securing the surplus revenue as follows:	
Note of John Keegan, dated August	
12, 1843,	\$500 00
Note of George and Sylvia Wood,	
dated March 9, 1825,	767 84
Note of Reuben Taft, dated December	
7, 1843,	300 00
Note of Leonard Taft, dated March 6,	
1857,	57 00
Note of G. H. & G. Wood, dated Jan-	
uary 12, 1856,	192 96
Note of Holland Allbe, dated January	
12, 1856,	200 39
Note of A. S. Freeman, dated March	
21, 1859,	100 00
	<hr/> 2,118 19
To balance of Taxes uncollected at last settlement,	
as follows,—	
Am't in E. Dewing's Collection for 1857,	\$52 57
"    A. A. Taft's Collection for 1858,	83 88
"    E. Dewing's Collection for 1859,	169 01
"    Alanson Taft's Collection for 1860,	414 66
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To interest received on notes due to Town, as	
follows,—	
On Note of John Keegan,	\$27 61
"    George and Sylvia Wood,	112 59
"    Leonard Taft,	3 42
"    Geo. H. & Geo. Wood,	11 57
"    Holland Allbe,	12 02
"    Alanson Freeman,	6 00
"    Reuben Taft,	18 00
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To Cash borrowed to pay Millens Taft's note, for Asylum Farm, as follows, viz.,—		
Of the Worcester County Institution for Savings,	\$2,200 00	
“ Christopher and Marcena Daniels,	600 00	
“ Austin Wood,	100 00	
“ Anna W. Hastings, guardian,	15 00	
	<hr/>	2,915 00
To Cash borrowed to pay Sarah J. Taft's note (principal), as follows,—		
Of Anna W. Hastings,	\$250 00	
“ Anna W. Hastings, guardian to W. S. Hastings,	236 00	
“ Micajah C. Gaskill,	156 30	
	<hr/>	642 30
To Cash borrowed A. C. Cook, for current expenses, by vote of Town,		500 00
To Cash borrowed for payment of orders, on Sol- diers' Account, as follows,—		
Of Lysander Grow,	\$100 00	
“ Amariah A. Taft,	100 00	
“ Anna W. Hastings, guardian to W. S. Hastings,	100 00	
“ Lysander Grow,	100 00	
	<hr/>	400 00
To Aaron C. Cook's note for oxen sold by Town,		96 50
“ Cash received of David Adams, on ac't liquor sold, as agent,		20 00
“ Cash received of H. K. Oliver, State Treasurer, from State School Fund,		51 28
“ Cash recived of Methodist Society, for rent of Town Hall,		18 08
“ Cash received of O. R. Wheelock, for rent of Town Hall,		13 77
“ Assessment, State, County, and Town Taxes for 1861,		4,613 02
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Total debit,		\$12,527 38

*He credits himself with the following items, viz :*

By amount paid for Notes due from the Town, prin- cipal and interest, as follows, viz.,—	
For Note of Millens Taft, principal,	\$2,750 00

For interest due on the same, 1 year,	165 00	
	<hr/>	\$2,915 00
“ Note of Austin Wood, principal,	100 00	
“ interest due on the same, 56 days,	93	
	<hr/>	100 93
“ Note of Aaron C. Cook, principal,	500 00	
“ interest due on the same, 45 days,	1 25	
	<hr/>	501 25
“ Note of Anna W. Hastings, principal,	15 00	
“ interest due on the same, 61 days,	14	
	<hr/>	15 14
“ Note Sarah J. Taft, principal,	642 30	
“ interest due on same, 1 year 34 days,	42 17	
	<hr/>	684 47
	<hr/>	\$4,216 79
“ Amount paid for interest on Notes now out- standing against the Town, viz,—		
On Note of Anna W. Hastings, guard- ian to W. S. Hastings,	14 34	
“ Note of Anna W. Hastings, guard- ian to W. S. Hastings,	6 00	
“ Note of S. P. Bicknell,	27 00	
“ Note of Joseph Cummings,	30 00	
“ Note of Worcester County Institu- tion for Savings,	66 00	
	<hr/>	143 34
“ Amount paid on Anna W. Hastings' Note, as principal, in part,		50 00
“ Amount interest paid on Town orders, viz,—		
On Charles K. Wheeler's order,	13 20	
“ John S. Gaskill's order,	1 08	
“ Lydia S. Taft's order,	3 50	
“ Hattie W. Staples' order,	1 58	
	<hr/>	19 36
“ Amount paid Henry K. Oliver, State Tax, 1861,		258 00

Amount paid Anthony Chase, Co. Tax, 1861,	1,007 70
“ Discount allowed A. C. Cook, collector for 1861, on \$3,150 00,	183 00
“ Amount paid for 107 Town orders,	3,606 50
“ “ taxes foregone in A. A. Taft’s collec- tion, 1858,	20 64
“ Amount taxes uncollected, as follows, viz.,—	
In E. Dewing’s Collection for 1857,	12 00
“ A. A. Taft’s “ “ 1858,	63 24
“ E. Dewing’s “ “ 1859,	89 82
“ Alanson Taft’s “ “ 1860,	125 69
“ A. C. Cook’s “ “ 1861,	410 78
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“ Am’t notes for surplus revenue, as follows, viz.,—	
Note of John Keegan, dated August 12, 1843,	415 00
Note of John G. Metcalf, dated June 1, 1861,	85 00
Note of George and Sylvia Wood, dated March 9, 1825,	767 84
Note of Reuben Taft, dated December 7, 1843,	300 00
Note of Leonard Taft, dated March 6, 1857,	57 00
Note of George H. & George Wood, dated January 12, 1856,	192 96
Note of Holland Allbe, dated January 12, 1856,	200 39
Note of Alanson S. Freeman, dated March, 21, 1859,	100 00
	<hr/> 2,118 19
“ Note of Aaron C. Cook, for oxen sold by Town,	96 50
“ Cash on hand to balance,	105 83
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Total credit,	\$12,527 38

The Treasurer further reports that, pursuant to instructions from the Town, he has paid the note held by Millens Taft against the Town, originally given for the Asylum for the Poor and the farm therewith belonging, amounting to the sum (principal \$2,750, and interest, one year, \$165 00) of \$2,915 00. To pay this sum, the amount was hired, at 6 per cent., as follows, viz.,—of the Worcester County Institution for Savings, \$2,200 ; of Christopher and Marcena Daniels, with the privilege of paying \$100 00 of the principal

annually, \$600 00 ; of Austin Wood, \$100 00, and of Anna W. Hastings, \$15 00. The last two notes have since been paid, leaving the present indebtedness, on the account of the Asylum, \$2,800 00.

The note of Sarah J. Taft has also been paid, amounting to the sum (principal \$642 30, and interest \$42 17) of \$684 47. The interest was paid from the Contingent Fund, and the principal by loans, at six per cent, from the following persons : From Anna W. Hastings, \$250 00, of which \$50 00 of the principal has since been paid ; from Anna W. Hastings, guardian of Wm. S. Hastings, \$236 00 ; and from Micajah C. Gaskell, \$156 30.

Pursuant to a vote of the Town authorizing the Treasurer to hire a sum not exceeding *five thousand dollars*, for the purpose of aiding the families of volunteers, from this Town, who are engaged in the overthrow of the present rebellion, the sum of \$400 00 has been borrowed. Of this sum, the larger portion will in due time be reimbursed by the State.

It will be seen that a portion of the notes given for the Town's portion of the surplus revenue are not secured by mortgage. The amount of such notes is \$635 35, and it is recommended that the same be collected and invested where ample and undoubted security can be given, by mortgage upon real estate.

The following is a schedule of Notes outstanding against the Town, the interest upon which has been paid, in full, to the period of their several dates.

Simon P. Bicknell's note, dated May 4, 1857,	\$225 00
Anna W. Hastings' (guar.) note, dated May 9, 1857,	239 06
“ “ “ “ “ June 2, 1857,	100 00
Joseph Cummings' note, dated August 31, 1858,	500 00
Wor. Co. Inst. for Savings' note, dat'd May 21, 1861,	2,200 00
Chris. and Marcena Daniels' note, dat'd May 21, 1861,	600 00
Anna W. Hastings' (guar.) note dated Aug. 1, 1861,	236 00
Anna W. Hastings' note, dated August 1, 1861,	200 00
Micajah C. Gaskell's note, dated August 10, 1861,	156 30
A. A. Taft's note, dated November 15, 1861,	100 00
Lysander Grow's note, dated December 10, 1861,	100 00
Lysander Grow's note, dated January 15, 1862,	100 00
Anna W. Hastings' (guar.) note, dated Jan 30, 1862,	100 00

Total, \$4,856 36

All which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. METCALF, *Treasurer*

MENDON, Feb. 22, 1862.



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

Report of the Selectmen of Town of Mendon of the Expenditures for the Municipal year ending March 3d, 1862:

### FOR CLEARING HIGHWAYS OF SNOW.

Paid Liberty Goss, for labor last winter shovelling snow,	5 62
“ Alanson S. Freeman, for labor of himself and others, shovelling snow, (2 bills,)	47 60
“ John S. Gaskill, for labor of himself and others, shovelling snow,	34 95
“ H. A. Aldrich, for labor, paying sundry persons for shovelling snow,	16 85
“ Aaron C. Cook, for labor, paying sundry persons for shovelling snow, (2 bills,)	56 80
“ Laban Bates, for labor, shovelling snow,	3 10
“ Andre Southwick, for labor, shovelling snow,	3 00
“ Samuel H. Taft, for labor, paying sundry person for shovelling snow,	10 30
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	\$178 22

### FOR REPAIRING THE HIGHWAYS.

Paid John S. Gaskill, for balance due him for overwork in 1860,	19 97
“ John S. Gaskill, for money advanced to pay for oxen,	136 00
“ Eli Bates, for work done in 1859, by order of Surveyors,	3 00
6 Town orders in favor of the Surveyors of highways,	700 00
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	\$858 97

### TOWN OFFICERS, FOR THEIR SERVICES.

Paid Alanson S. Freeman, for services as School Committee for 1860,	13 50
“ John G. Metcalf, for services as School Committee for 1860,	29 75

Paid George W. Thayer, for services as Constable for 1860,	10 00
“ David Adams, for services as Liquor Agent for 1860,	20 00
“ Francis E. Wheelock, for services as Assessor for 1861,	28 05
“ Alanson Taft, for services as Assessor for 1861,	20 50
“ Charles Fletcher, for services as Assessor for 1861,	21 75
“ John G. Metcalf, for cash advanced and journey to buy school-books,	19 06
“ Alanson Taft, for services as Collector for 1860,	26 50
“ David Adams, for recording births, deaths and marriages and cash advanced,	12 08
“ John G. Metcalf, for services as Treasurer for 1861,	10 00
“ Austin Wood, for services as Selectman for 1861,	6 00
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for services as Selectman for 1861,	6 00
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for stationary 50, paid for horse 1 00,	1 50 7 50
“ Alexander H. Allen, for services as Selectman 12 days for 1861,	18 00
“ Alexander H. Allen, for 2 journeys to Worcester about Cummings road,	5 20
“ Alexander H. Allen, for cash paid for postages,	21
“ “ “ “ G. W. Stacy,	
printing blanks, Town Orders,	2 25
“ Alexander H. Allen, for journey to Blackstone,	2 00
“ Aaron C. Cook, for services as Collector for 1861,	23 00
“ Aaron C. Cook, for paying for printing bl'ks,	2 75 25 75
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	\$278 10

## FOR THE AID OF THE FAMILIES OF VOLUNTEERS.

Paid Olive Pickering and two children, wife and children of Juba F. Pickering, from July 30th, 1861, to Feb. 5th, 1862, one dollar per week each,	81 00
“ Annette Weatherhead and five children, wife and children of Abel Weatherhead, from Sept. 16th, 1861, to Jan. 27th, 1862,	114 00

Paid Watee Harrington and six children, wife and children of Daniel Harrington, from Sept. 16th, 1861, to Jan. 27th, 1862,	133 00
“ Harriet A. Rockwood, wife of John B. Rockwood, from Sept. 18th, 1861, to Jan. 29th, 1862,	22 00
“ Eunice Ellis, mother of Joseph M. Ellis, from Oct. 7th, 1861, to Feb. 17th, 1862,	19 00
“ Bridget Wallace and three children, wife and children of Patrick Wallace, from Oct. 28th, 1861, to Jan. 29th, 1862.	56 00
“ Susan A. Hall, wife of Samuel Hall, from Oct. 17th, 1861, to Dec. 16th,	8 00
“ Hannah Saunders, mother of John P. Saunders, from Oct. 18th, 1861, to Feb. 21st, 1862,	17 00
“ D. H. Eames, for uniform for Charles H. Wheelock,	13 00
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	\$463 00

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

Paid F. A. Crocker, for printing Town Reports for 1861,	24 00
“ G. W. Stacy, for printing School Committee Reports for 1861,	27 25
“ H. A. Davis, State Sealer, for sealing Town Standards,	7 50
“ Austin Wood, for repairing guide-boards,	20 57
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	\$79 32

## FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

13 Town Orders, drawn at various times, in favor of the Overseers of the Poor,	\$628 61
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## FOR THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

## DISTRICT No. 1.

Paid George Wood, for wood,	\$7 59
“ M. E. Savage, for teaching,	40 00
“ “ “ “	50 00
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	97 59

## DISTRICT No. 2.

Paid Minerva Farnum, for teaching,	\$45 00
“ “ “ “	55 00



Paid George H. Tower, for teaching,	110 00	
“ George H. Wood, for wood,	21 00	
“ David Adams, for cutting and housing wood,	6 72	
“ Minerva Farnum, for teaching,	60 00	
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## DISTRICT No. 3.

Paid Fannie Dodge, for teaching,	\$28 00	
“ “ “ “	28 00	
	<hr/>	56 00

## DISTRICT No. 4.

Paid M. Jennie Burnham, for teaching,	\$33 00	
“ Amanda C. Scammell, “	45 00	
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## DISTRICT No. 5.

Paid A. I. Dawley, for wood,	\$2 50	
“ Malvina Getchell, for teaching,	80 00	
	<hr/>	82 50

## DISTRICT No. 6.

Paid M. C. Taft, for teaching,	\$45 50	
“ Perry Wood, for wood,	4 50	
“ D. B. Hixon, for teaching,	52 50	
	<hr/>	102 50

## DISTRICT No. 7.

Paid A. S. Freeman, for wood,	\$2 50	
“ Seth Taft, “	6 00	
“ Andre Southwick, for his proportion for 1860,	10 60	
“ Lydia S. Taft, for teaching,	67 50	
“ Wm. H. Hooker, “	78 25	
“ Sullivan H. Taft, for boarding teacher,	25 62	190 47
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		\$904 78

## SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES.

For clearing highways from snow,	\$178 22
“ repairing highways,	858 97
“ services of Town officers,	278 10
“ aid of the families of volunteers,	463 00
“ miscellaneous items,	79 32
“ support of the poor,	628 61
“ support of the schools,	904 78
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	\$3,391 00

## Balances due the School Districts :

District No. 1,	\$88 01
“ “ 2,	133 49
“ “ 3,	77 85
“ “ 4,	20 57
“ “ 5,	1 52
“ “ 6,	17 09
“ “ 7,	6 79
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	\$345 32

The Selectmen would further report, the indebtedness of the Town, so far as known to them, as follows, viz :

Outstanding orders,	\$130 50
Due the several School Districts,	345 32
“ Town Officers, by estimation,	70 00
Note due the Worcester Co. Inst. for Savings,	2,200 00
“ Christopher and Marcena Daniels,	600 00
5 notes due Anna W. Hastings,	875 06
Note due M. C. Gaskill,	156 30
“ Amariah A. Taft,	100 00
2 notes due Lysander Grow,	200 00
Note due Simon P. Bicknell,	225 00
“ Joseph Cummings,	500 00
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	\$5,402 18

The available assets of the Town, to meet these liabilities, so far as known to the Selectmen, are as follows :

Taxes uncollected,	701 53
Cash in Treasury,	87 83
Aaron C. Cook's note,	96 50
Due from the State, for aid rendered the families of Volunteers up to Jan. 1st, 1862,	220 99
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	\$1,106 85

Leaving an indebtedness against the Town of 4,295 33

As some inconvenience is sometimes experienced, by the *supposed* tardiness of the Selectmen in apportioning the School money among the several Districts, the Selectmen, before closing their Report, have thought it advisable to call the attention of *Prudential Committees*, and also of the *Treasurer* to the following votes of the Town, passed Sept. 17th, 1842, and remain in force at the present time.

“ Voted, That the Prudential Committees of the several

School Districts in Town, make return, of the number of scholars in their respective Districts, between the ages of 3 and 21 years, to the Selectmen, May the first, and that the Selectment proceed to divide the School money among the several Districts, according to the By-Laws of the Town for the time being, in the month of July."

"Voted, That the *Treasurer* of the Town transmit to the Selectmen of the Town, *on or before the 20th day of July* in each year, the amount of money to be expended for schooling the current year."

Having thus called the attention of the proper officers to their duties, as defined by the above votes, it is to be hoped that our successors, when the time prescribed for the division of the school money arrives, may not be under the necessity of doing themselves, *what is required of Prudential Committees and the Treasurer.*

All which is submitted

ALEXANDER H. ALLEN,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
HENRY A. ALDRICH,	

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## REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

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THE Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Mendon for the municipal year ending the first Monday of March, A. D. 1862, submit the following Report.

At the commencement of the year just closed, the following persons were supported at the Asylum, then under the superintendence of Lyman Darling, viz.: William Fletcher, Elijah Penniman, Samuel Stone, John French, Rachel Wilson, and Angenette Williams, all of whom have continued chargeable there to the present time, with the exception of William Fletcher, deceased.

March 11th, 1861. The Overseers met at the Asylum, and agreed with Alexander McGaw of North Wrentham, to take charge of the Asylum and to labor on the farm, with the services of his wife, for one year from the first day of April ensuing, for the sum of two hundred and sixty-two dollars, with the privilege of taking his three children there and boarding them free of expense.

April 1st, 1861. The Overseers agreed with John G. Metcalf to furnish medicine and medical attendance to the inmates at the Asylum, for one year from the date hereof, for the sum of eight dollars.

July 6th, 1861. This day Dexter Cole and family became chargeable, and received assistance till August 9th; and Rehobeth, the town where they have a settlement, duly notified, and our bill for assistance rendered said family paid.

July 29th, 1861. Peter S. Craig and family became chargeable, and were assisted till December 12th, and our bill for assistance rendered them settled by the town of Fitchburg.

August 16th, 1861. Samuel Everton, wife, and two children, and his mother, Hannah Everton, became chargeable and received assistance till Sept. 27th, when the mother died, the funeral expenses of whom, and all other assistance rendered said family, were paid by the town of Canton.

September 14th, 1861. Daniel Harrington received aid to the amount of five dollars, and the town of Adams duly notified.

January 25th, 1862. Peter S. Craig and family received assistance, and the town of Fitchburg was duly notified.

October 4th, 1861. Nathaniel Sweeting, son of Henry Sweeting, formerly of this town, but who removed to the State of Connecticut some forty years since, came to this town in destitute circumstances, and was sent by the Overseers to the Asylum to be maintained.

December 18th, 1861. This day William Fletcher died at the Asylum, aged 93 years, and was buried in the Old Centre Burying Yard.

February 5th, 1862. Warren Coffee, wife, and three children, were relieved, and several towns have been notified, where it was supposed they might have a settlement, from none of whom, as yet, has any favorable response been received.

The Overseers charge themselves with the receipt of the following funds belonging to the Town.

To 13 Town Orders drawn during the year, am'g to	\$628 61
To Cash received of town of Rehoboth for support of D. Cole and family,	19 25
“ Cash received of the town of Walpole for support of Isaac Alden and family,	10 50
“ Cash received of the town of Canton for support of Samuel Everton and family,	34 74



To Cash received of the town of Adams for support of Daniel Harrington and family,		15 68	
“ Cash received of the town of Fitchburg for sup- port of Peter S. Craig and family,		76 10	
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To Cash rec'd for meadow hay sold from			
Asylum,	5 00		
“ “ 3 calves, sold from Asy- lum,	17 56		
“ “ straw sold from Asylum,	26		
“ “ vegetables sold from Asylum,	3 60		
“ “ calfskin s'd from Asylum,	84		
“ “ 2 cowhides sold from Asylum,	6 50		
“ “ chickens and poultry s'd Asylum,	10 40		
“ “ 146 lbs. beef sold from Asylum,	9 50		
“ “ 401 lbs. butter sold from Asylum,	78 32		
“ “ 63 1-2 lbs. lard s'd from Asylum,	7 93		
“ “ 21 3-4 bush. early apples sold from Asylum,	2 20		
“ “ 57 bushels cider apples sold from Asylum,	11 40		
“ “ yoke fat oxen sold from Asylum,	142 00		
“ “ farrow cow sold from Asylum,	16 00		
“ “ 4 pigs sold from Asylum,	12 00		
“ “ 28 bush. oats sold from Asylum,	14 00		
“ “ veal sold from Asylum,	1 75		
“ “ 54 feet plank sold from Asylum,	1 08		
“ “ Mr. Darling, for labor in 1860,	3 55		
“ “ of Lewis Wood for keep- ing cow 6 weeks,	2 00	345 89	
		<hr/>	\$1,130 77

The Overseers credit themselves with payment of the following sums. For debts outstanding, March 1st, 1861 :

Paid Lyman Darling, balance due March 1st, 1861, on contract of 1860,	\$54 17
“ John Geo. Metcalf, balance due March 1st, 1861, on contract of 1860,	7 25
	<hr/> \$61 42

### FOR SUPPORT OF PAUPERS BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS.

Paid John Geo. Metcalf, for medical services to Isaac Alden,	1 50
“ John Geo. Metcalf, for medical services to Peter S. Craig, (2 bills,)	7 50
“ John Geo. Metcalf, for medical services to Hannah Everton,	2 25
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods furnished Isaac Alden,	5 00
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods furnished Dexter Cole,	11 00
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods furnished Peter S. Craig,	41 00
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods furnished Samuel Everton,	21 00
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods furnished Daniel Harrington,	5 00
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods furnished Warren Coffee,	2 50
“ Albert Gardener, for meat to Peter S. Craig, (3 bills,)	85 50
	9 47
“ Lewis B. Gaskill, for wood to Peter S. Craig,	1 69
“ Aaron C. Cook, for groceries to Peter S. Craig,	8 00
“ Stephen Cook, for wood to Peter S. Craig, (3 bills,)	19 44
“ R. L. Darling, for pr. shoes for Sam'l Everton,	87
“ B. C. Harris, for pair pantaloons for Samuel Everton,	1 50
“ George W. Thayer, for services as Sexton, Mrs. Everton,	3 50
“ Leonard Fairbanks, for coffin for Mrs. Everton,	5 62
“ Alexander H. Allen, for 1-2 cord wood and oat straw for D. Cole,	2 58

Paid Alexander A. Allen, for cash paid to Warren Coffee,	20	
“ Lewis B. Gaskill, for 1-2 cord wood to Warren Coffee,	2 50	
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		\$152 12

# FOR THE SUPPORT OF PAUPERS AWAY FROM THE ASYLUM.

Paid Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods to Abel Weatherhead,	12 00	
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods to John McNally,	7 00	
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods to George W. Scisco,	3 00	
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods to Francis R. Scisco,	2 00	
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods to Mrs. McDonald,	3 00	
“ Henry A. Aldrich, for store goods to Edward Griennan,	1 50	28 50
“ David W. Bennett, for wood to Abel Weatherhead,		3 00
“ Austin A. Taft, for wood to Mrs. McDonald,		2 25
“ Leonard Fairbanks, for coffin for G. W. Scisco's child,		4 00
“ William T. Metcalf, for services as Overseer of the Poor,	6 00	
“ William T. Metcalf, for cash paid Colman for lodging travellers,	2 25	8 25
“ Alexander H. Allen, for services as Overseer of the Poor,	6 00	
“ Alexander H. Allen, for cash paid Colman for lodging 8 travellers,	4 00	
“ Alexander H. Allen, for wood to Mrs. McDonald,	5 38	
“ Alexander H. Allen, for services out of Town,	5 00	
“ Alexander H. Allen, for cash to Mrs. McNally,	1 00	
“ Alexander H. Allen, for wood to Michael McNally,	2 25	
“ Alexander H. Allen, for cash paid for postage and express,	1 61	25 24
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		\$71 24

## FOR THE SUPPORT OF PAUPERS AT THE ASYLUM.

Paid Lyman Darling, for services at Asylum for month of March, '61,	27 08
“ John G. Metcalf, for medical services at Asylum, for month of March, '61,	75
“ Alexander McGaw, for one quarter's salary at Asylum,	65 50
“ Albert Thwing, for 60 bushels of corn,	34 00
“ Albert Gardener, for beef,	7 10
“ Alanson Taft, for sawing lumber, (2 bills)	4 35
“ Alexander McGaw, for one quarter's salary at Asylum,	65 50
“ Ezekiel P. Gaskill, for salt pork and cradling oats,	7 82
“ Gore & Brigham, for beef,	9 75
“ Austin A. Taft, for cow to fat,	27 00
“ B. E. Harris, for clothing,	6 09
“ Leonard Fairbanks, for coffin for W. Fletcher	4 00
“ Alexander McGaw, for one quarter's salary at Asylum,	65 50
“ Enos T. Albee, for stock for boots,	2 50
“ Sullivan H. Taft, for use of horse and waggon at Asylum,	8 20
“ Benjamin F. Tafts, for blacksmithing,	8 44
“ George W. Thayer, for sexton service, Wm. Fletcher,	3 00
“ C. H. Fletcher, for 156 lbs. guano,	5 46
“ “ “ 250 lbs. phosphate,	6 25
“ “ “ store goods,	145 20
“ Lewis Wood, for sundries,	231 47
“ Alexander McGaw, for sundries,	85 19
	\$820 15

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.

Cash received on Town Orders,	628 61
“ “ of other towns for support of paupers,	156 27
“ “ for produce sold from Asylum,	345 89
	\$1,130 77



## SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS.

For payment of debts due and outstanding	
March 1st, 1861,	61 44
" support of paupers belonging to other	
Towns,	152 12
" support of paupers at Asylum,	820 15
"       "       " away from Asylum,	71 24 1,104 95
Leaving balance in hands of Overseers of	\$25 82
Due from the Town of Fitchburg for support of P.	
S. Craig,	11 00
" from the Town of Walpole for support of Isaac	
Alden,	1 00
" from same Town for support of Warren Coffee,	5 20
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	\$17 20

To ascertain the cost of supporting the Paupers at the Asylum the past year, the Overseers refer to the subjoined Inventory and account currents :

## INVENTORY OF NEAT STOCK, HAY AND PROVISIONS,

Household Furniture, and Farming Tools on hand, at the Asylum, as taken by the Overseers, with their appraisal of the same, Feb. 17th, 1862 :

## NEAT STOCK.

1 yoke fat oxen, appraised at	100 00
6 cows,                   "	180 00
1 heifer, 2 years old	13 00
1 bull calf, appraised at	25 00
1 breeding sow, appraised at	20 00
4 shoats                   "	17 50
20 fowls                   "	6 50
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	\$361 00

## HAY AND PROVISIONS.

7 1-2 tons English hay, appraised at	98 00
4       " meadow hay,       "	20 00
600 lbs. cabbage,           "	5 00
33 bushels turnips,       "	8 25
70       " corn on the ear,   "	31 50

8 bushels barley,	appraised at	7 20
6 " oats,	"	3 00
3 " hay seed,	"	2 00
3 1-2" Rye,	"	3 00
1-2 " beans,		1 00
Rye straw,		3 00
75 lbs. guano,		2 62
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		\$184 57
35 bushels of potatoes,		16 75
4 " garden beets,		2 00
Other vegetables,		4 00
160 lbs. cabbages,		1 60
300 " beef salted,		18 00
400 " pork "		40 00
300 " hams "		30 00
150 " lard,		18 00
110 " butter,		22 00
24 doz. candles,		2 88
1 bushel rye meal,		90
2 " corn "		1 80
1-2 bbl. flour,		4 00
8 lbs. tripe,		64
2 1-4 bbls. of soap,		7 00
Small groceries on hand,		4 13
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Provisions,		\$173 70
Farming Tools as per Schedule on file,		110 84
Household Furniture as per Schedule on file,		152 33
Neat Stock,		361 00
Hay and Grain,		184 57
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Total,		\$982 44

The following persons have been supported at the Asylum the past year, as follows:

Elijah Penniman, 52 weeks,	Angenette Williams, 52 wks.
Samuel Stone, 52 "	Rachel Wilson, 52 "
John French, 52 "	Nathaniel Sweeting, 21 "
William Fletcher, 42 "	
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	125
198	198
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Total, 323 "

## ASYLUM IN ACCOUNT CURRENT.

DR.—To am't of inventory on hand March 1, 1861,	1,053	74
Expenses paid by Overseers, as reported,	820	15
One year's interest on Farm and Stock,	186	72
Due Alexander McGaw on contract to March 1st, 1862,	43	67
Due John G. Metcalf, do. do. do.	7	25

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\$2,111 53

CR.—By am't of inventory on hand, March 1, 1862,	982	44
Produce sold from farm, as reported,	345	89
323 weeks board, at \$2 39 4m. per week,	783	20

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\$2,111 53

Cost of supporting paupers at Asylum,	783	20
“ “ “ away from “	71	24
“ “ “ belonging to other towns,	152	12

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\$1,006 56

Deduct for cash rec'd for support of paupers belonging to other towns,	156	27
Deduct for cash due for support of paupers belonging to other towns,	17	20
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And it leaves, as the cost of supporting the Poor for 1861. \$833 09

Persons now remaining at Asylum:—Elijah Penniman, Samuel Stone, John French, Nathaniel Sweeting, Rachel Wilson, and Angenette Williams.

All which is submitted,

ALEX'R H. ALLEN, }  
LEWIS WOOD, } *Overseers*  
WM. T. METCALF, } *of the Poor.*

Mendon, Feb. 24, 1862.

## REPORT OF SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

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The undersigned, Agents chosen to repair the Highways, Townways, and Bridges, for the municipal year ending March 3d, 1862, would submit the following report :

Received of the Selectmen, in Town Orders, \$836 00

The undersigned would further report, that they have paid the following bills to the following persons, for the purposes hereinafter specified, viz :

To Anson Warren, for 1 yoke of oxen,	136 00
B. H. Smith, for 6 months and 11 days' work,	231 18
D. Coine, for 5 months 22 days,	140 31
B. Riley, for 5 months 18 1-2 days,	137 18
Wm. Brown, for 5070 lbs. of hay,	49 12
A. C. Cook, for 5398 lbs. of hay,	43 15
G. W. Wilcox, for 38 bush. of corn, at 80 cents,	30 40
S. Dudley, for gravel,	10 00
A. Weatherhead, 17 days' work,	17 00
L. Grow, Blacksmithing,	14 80
S. Aldrich, 317 feet plank,	4 75
I. S. Gaskill, sundry articles,	10 12
Wm. L. Young, 8 1-2 lbs. paint,	1 42
A. C. Cook's bill,	7 42
To expenses after oxen,	4 28

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\$837 13

Cr. by corn not used, 55

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\$836 58

Leaving a balance due the undersigned, for labor on the Highways, over and above the amount received of 58 cts.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN S. GASKILL,  
A. C. COOK.

## REPORT OF LIQUOR AGENT.

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The undersigned, Agent for buying and selling Spirituous Liquors in and for the Town of Mendon, for the year ending February 20th, 1862.

### RECEIVED.

By amount of Liquors, casks and measures, on hand last settlement, (by estimation,)	70 00
By amount of cash on hand last settlement,	60 58
“ “ taken for Liquors sold during the year,	124 90
“ “ taken for 2 casks sold during the year,	1 60
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	\$257 16

### PAID.

To cash paid Edward F. Porter for Liquors, (as per. receipts,)	131 33
“ “ for transportation of the same,	10 57
“ “ John G. Metcalf, Town Treasurer,	20 00
“ now on hand,	23 66
To amount of Liquors, casks, and measures now on hand, (by estimation,)	71 60
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	\$257 16

DAVID ADAMS, *Town Agent.*

